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TAGS: OEXC, DR (MATOS, GENERAL RAMIRO)

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM: CODE 210 CANDIDATE

1. EMBASSY PROPOSES GENERAL RAMIRO MATOS, ARMED FORCES INSPECTOR FOR A 21-DAY IV GRANT.

2. BORN MARCH 23, 1927 IN AZUA DE COMPOSTELA, DR. DOMINICAN CITIZEN. MARRIED, SIX CHILDREN. ADDRESS: BASE AEREA DE SAN ISIDRO, SANTO DOMINGO DR. 1951, GRADUATE DOMINICAN MILITARY ACADEMY. 1949, DIPLOMA IN FLUTE AND SCULPTURE, AZUA ACADEMY OF MUSIC. PRESENTLY ARMY BRIGADIER GENERAL. FORMERLY DEPUTY CHIEF DOMINICAN AIR FORCE. MEMBER, DOMINICAN SOCIETY OF BIBLIOPHILES. FOREIGN TRAVEL: 1954, SPAIN, 45 DAYS, MILITARY TOUR; 1957, VENEZUELA, 30 DAYS, STUDIES; 1962, PANAMA, 7 DAYS, OBSERVATION TOUR; 1965, UNITED STATES, 30 DAYS, HEALTH.

3. CANDIDATE WILL BE ATTENDING SENIOR OFFICER INTERNATIONAL DEFENSE MANAGEMENT COURSE, MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA, APRIL 28 - MAY 23. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO FASHION A CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR THE MAN WHO IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED THE MOST INTELLECTUAL AND WELL-ROUNDED AS WELL AS ONE OF THE MOST CAPABLE MILITARY FIGURES IN THE COUNTRY. CANDIDATE HAS DOMINICAN REPUTATION AS NOTABLE ABSTRACT SCULPTOR, PAINTER, HISTORIAN, CARTOGRAPHER/GEOGRAPHER AND AMATEUR ASTRONOMER.

4. IF POSSIBLE CANDIDATE SHOULD BE PICKED UP IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR TOUR OF SCULPTURE GALLERIES, MUSEUMS, ABSTRACT SCULPTURE STUDIOS, UNIVERSITY GRADUATE ART SCHOOLS. HELPFUL CONTACTS WOULD BE MRS. LEON GREEN, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GALLERY (OFFICE UNCLASSIFIED

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PHONE 454-4320, HOME PHONE 229-1565), FOR WASHINGTON, AND THE

FOLLOWING IN OTHER REGIONS: DONALD GOODALL, DIRECTOR, UNIVERSITY MUSEUM, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN; STEVE PROKOPOFF, DIRECTOR, MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, CHICAGO; HARRY HOPKINS, DIRECTOR, SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF ART; JERRY NORDLAND, DIRECTOR, FINE ARTS GALLERY, UCLA. POST SUGGESTS EXPOSURE TO WORKS AND, IF POSSIBLE, PERSONAL CONTACT WITH SOME OF THE FOLLOWING MODERN SCULPTORS IN THEIR STUDIOS: DAVID SMITH, WILLEM DE ROONING, HENRY MOORE, JOHN CHAMBERLAIN, GUY DILL, DAVID RABINOWICH, MARTIN PURYEAR, PETER AGOSTINI, JANE GROSSBERG, STEPHEN URRY, WILLIAM RING, ALEXANDER CALDER, TOM DOYLE, SIDNEY GEIST.

5. CANDIDATE HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VISITING HIRSCHORN MUSEUM, WASHINGTON, D.C.; GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM, NY; RODIN MUSEUM, PHILADELPHIA; AND IN VIEWING GETTYSBURG, HARRISBURG (PA) MILITARY MUSEUM OR ANY OTHER RECOMMENDED MILITARY HISTORY MUSEUM AND SMITHSONIAN AIR & SPACE MUSEUM.

6. SUGGEST PICK UP IN SAN FRANCISCO MAY 26. CLEARANCE IN

PROGRESS BY MAAG, DR. INTERPRETER NEEDED.

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